

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

BAXTER

Application No.: New U.S. Patent Application

Filed: January 29, 2004

Attorney Dkt. No.: 8200.709

For: HYDRAULIC CLUTCH ACTUATOR FOR LIMITED SLIP DIFFERENTIAL  
ASSEMBLY

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 29, 2004

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the information item(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each item(s) is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the item(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. However, Applicant reserves the right to remove references from the prior art to the extent permitted by it's claim to foreign priority and dated invention.

1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being first filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application, OR (c) accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew Stavish  
Registration No. 36,286

LINIAK, BERENATO & WHITE  
6550 Rock Spring Drive  
Suite 240  
Bethesda, Maryland 20817  
Telephone: (301) 896-0600  
Facsimile: (301) 896-0607

| FORM PTO/SB/08 (08-00)<br>Substitute for form 1449/PTO<br><b>US DEPT. OF COMMERCE</b><br><b>PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE</b><br><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b><br>(Use several sheets if necessary)                               |  |                 | ATTY DOCKET NO.<br>8200.709     |                  | APPLICATION NO.<br>New U.S. Patent<br>Application |       |           |
|---|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---|-------|-----------|
|   |  |                 | APPLICANT(S)<br>BAXTER          |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 | FILING DATE<br>January 29, 2004 |                  | GROUP   |       |           |
| <b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>  |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
| EXAMINER INITIAL  |  | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE                            | NAME             |   | CLASS | SUB CLASS |
|   |  | 6,413,182 B1    | 7/2/2002                        | YATES III et al. |   |       |           |
|   |  | 6,183,387 B1    | 2/6/2001                        | YOSHIOKA         |   |       |           |
|   |  | 6,155,947       | 12/5/2000                       | LOWELL           |   |       |           |
|   |  | 3,724,289       | 4/3/1973                        | KENNICUTT        |   |       |           |
|   |  | 2,655,055       | 10/13/1953                      | BOTTCHER         |   |       |           |
|   |  | 2,627,190       | 2/3/1953                        | BOTTCHER         |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
| <b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE                            | COUNTRY          |   | CLASS | SUB CLASS |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
| <b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)</b>   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
|   |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |
| <b>EXAMINER</b>   |  |                 |                                 |                  | <b>DATE CONSIDERED</b>                            |       |           |
| Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. |  |                 |                                 |                  |   |       |           |